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For: **"METHOD FOR THE PREDICTION OF BINDING TARGETS AND THE DESIGN OF LIGANDS"**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

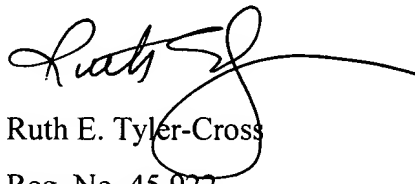
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on 07/02/2002, Applicant hereby elects without traverse Group I claims (claims 2, 6-10 and 13), drawn to a computer-assisted method for predicting binding affinity.

Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment of fees to attorney's deposit account # 231951 (Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson).

Respectfully submitted,



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